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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/811,780

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 8/1/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8,10,13-19 and 21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/11/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/1/2006 has been entered.

Drawings

2. The drawings filed 8/1/2006 are acceptable and the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show or lack the reference of **“the booster circuit”** recited in the claims and described in the specification is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The rejection of claims 1-2, 8-12 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2292866 (Miyamoto) is withdrawn.

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Claim Objections

5. The objection of claims 3-7 and 13-17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-8, 10, 13-19 and 21 are allowed. Please note that the claims are renumbered 1-17.

7. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regards to independent claim 1, the prior art made of record do not disclose an electronic circuit for a contactless tag comprising: (in combination with other elements in the claims) a resonance circuit including the antenna coil and the rectification circuit being formed during a first period in which the contact connects to the first connection terminal through the changeover switch; and a booster circuit having a function of a charge pump including a transistor and the antenna coil being formed during a second period in which the contact connects to the second connection terminal through the changeover switch. Claims 2-8 and 10 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore allowable for the same reasons.

Claims 13 and 14 recite the limitations of claim 1 wherein the charge pump is turned on and off according to the switching driving signal when the booster circuit is formed according to the circuit changeover control signal, and that causes a first current that is conducted through the antenna coil from the battery to flow so as to store a

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charge in the antenna coil during an ON time, while supplying a boosted voltage based on a counter electromotive force generated in the antenna coil to the second capacitor so as to cause a second current to flow to the second capacitor from the antenna coil during an OFF time. Claims 15 and 18-19 are dependent on claim 13. Claims 16-17 are dependent on claim 14.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Office Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to William Bangachon whose telephone number is **(571)-272-3065**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber can be reached on **(571)-272-7308**. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300** for regular and After Final formal communications. The Examiner's fax number is **(571)-273-3065** for informal communications.

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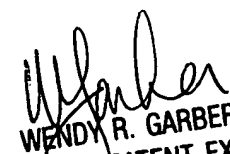
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